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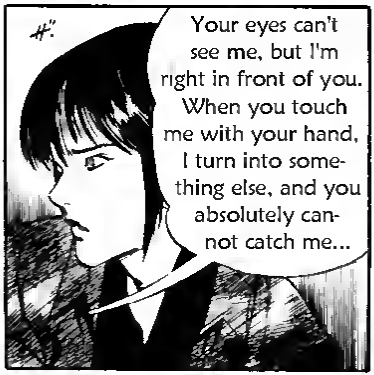
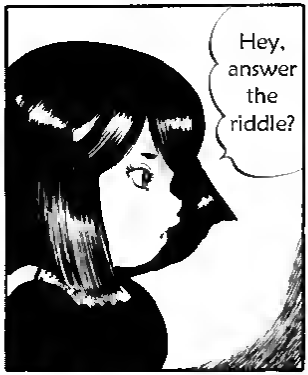
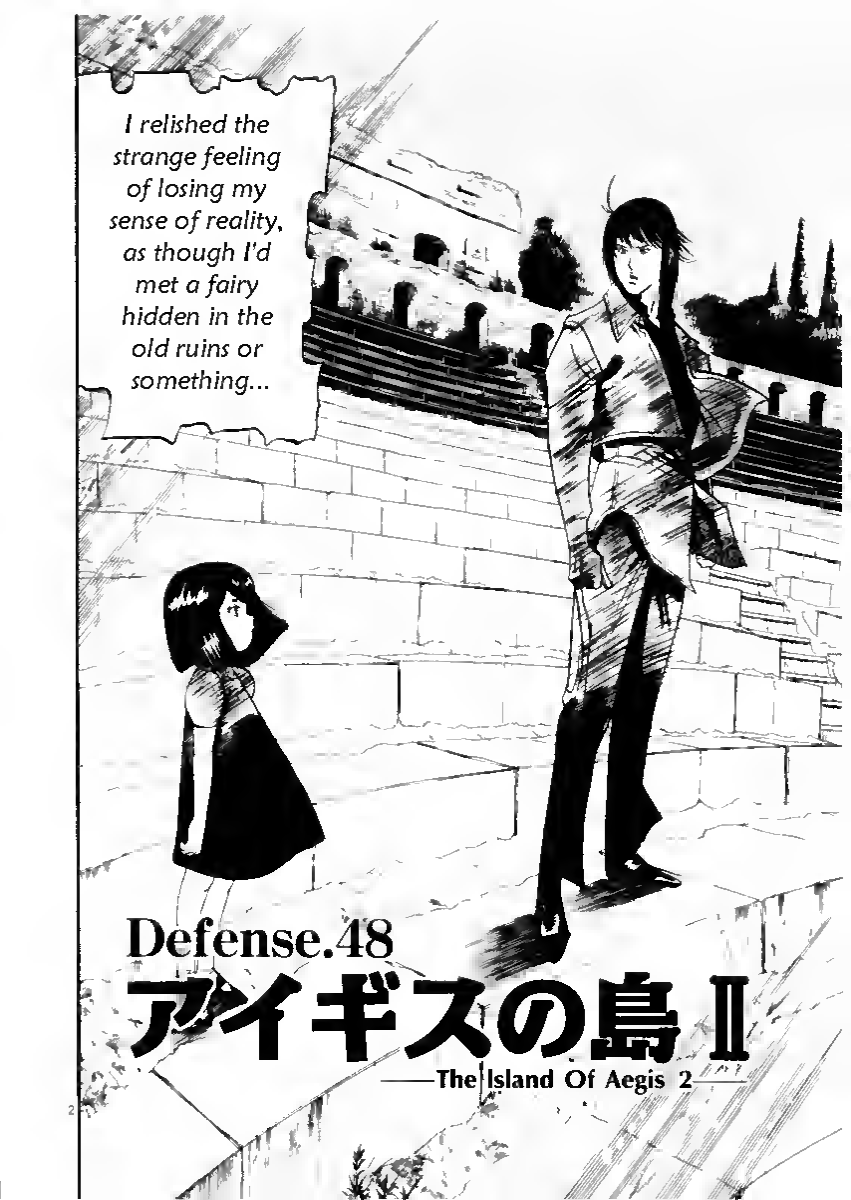
The Island Of Aegis 2


Your eyes can't see me, but I'm right in front of you. When you touch me with your hand, I turn into something else, and you absolutely cannot catch me...





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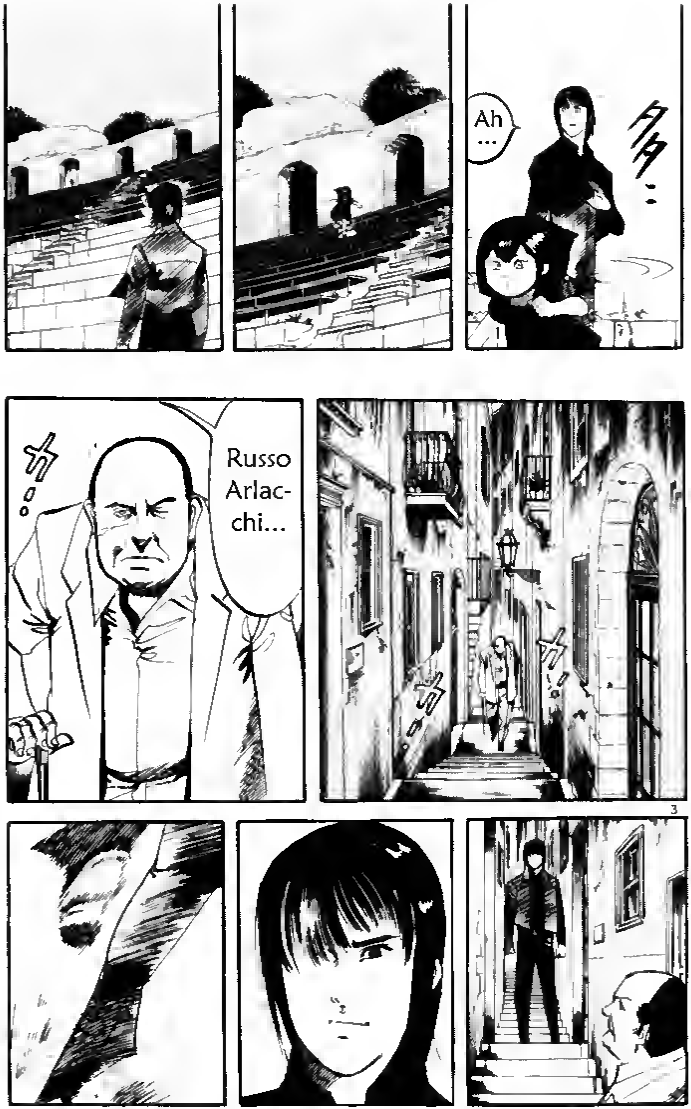
Ah...
Russo Arlacchi...

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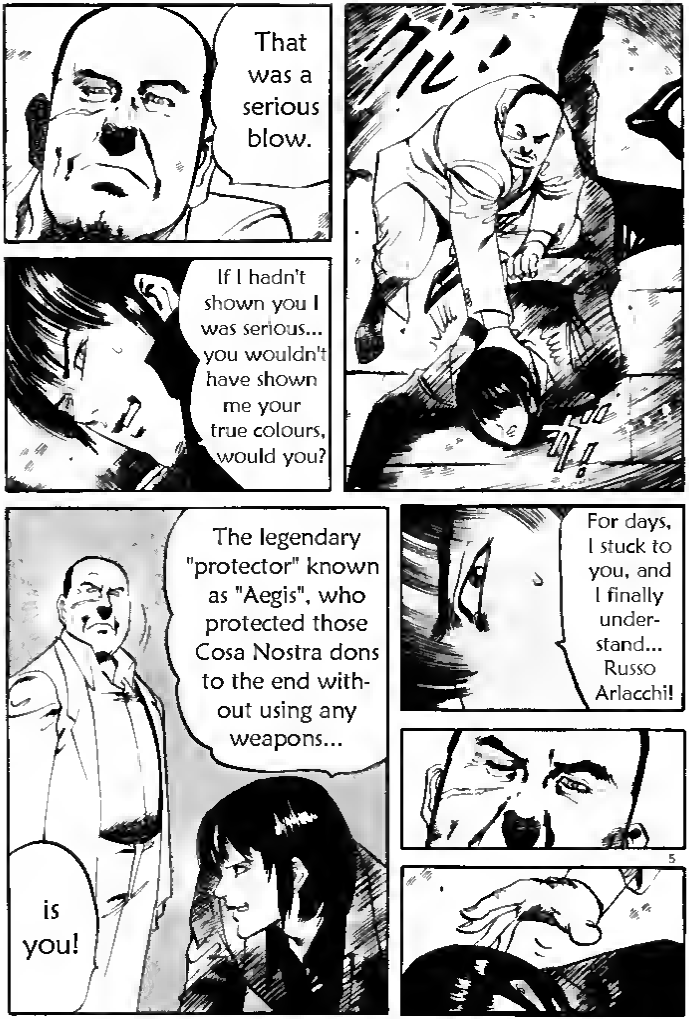
That was a serious blow.
If I hadn't shown you I was serious... you wouldn't have shown me your true colours, would you?
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The legendary "protector" known as "Aegis", who protected those Cosa Nostra dons to the end without using any weapons...
is you!
For days, I stuck to you, and I finally understand... Russo Arlacchi!
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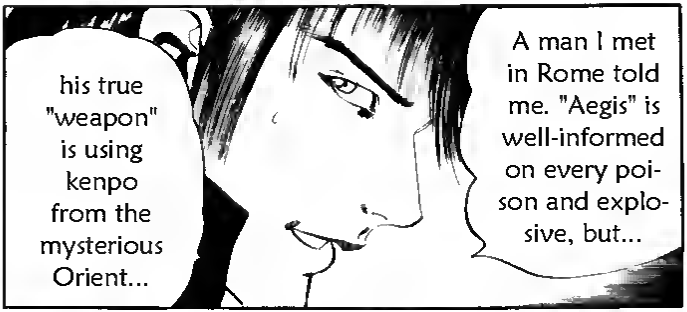
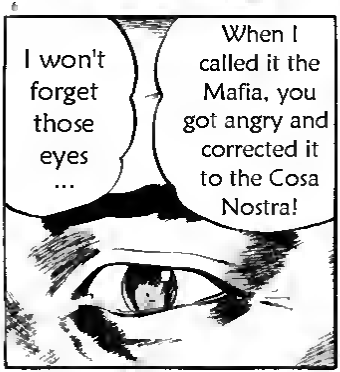
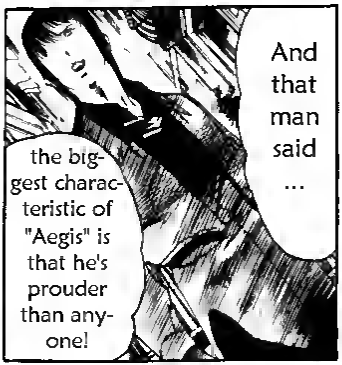
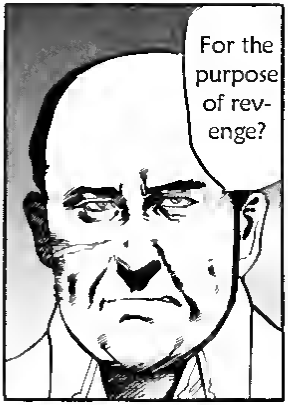
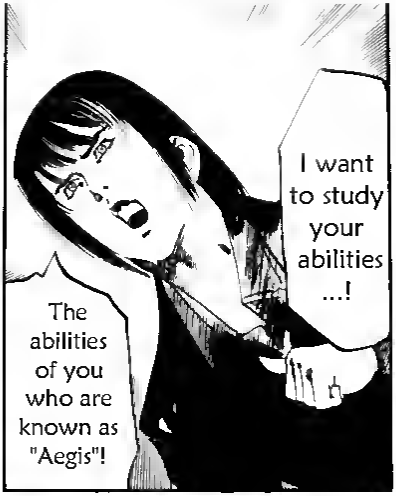

his true "weapon" is using kenpo from the mysterious Orient...
A man I met in Rome told me. "Aegis" is well-informed on every poison and explosive, but...

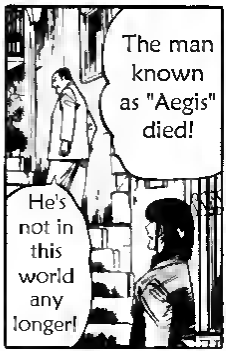
You tried to hide them, but, sometimes, I could catch a glimpse of their traces!
People who've studied attacks from Chinese kenpo always leave evidence in their form or behaviour.


I won't forget those eyes ...
When I called it the Mafia, you got angry and corrected it to the Cosa Nostra!

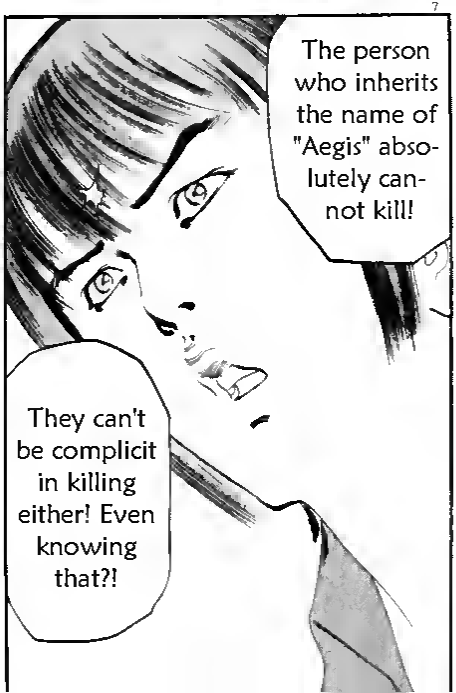

the biggest characteristic of "Aegis" is that he's prouder than anyone!
And that man said ...


For the purpose of revenge?


I want to study your abilities ...!
The abilities of you who are known as "Aegis"!


The man known as "Aegis" died!
He's not in this world any longer!

W-wait!


The person who inherits the name of "Aegis" absolutely cannot kill!
They can't be complicit in killing either! Even knowing that?!

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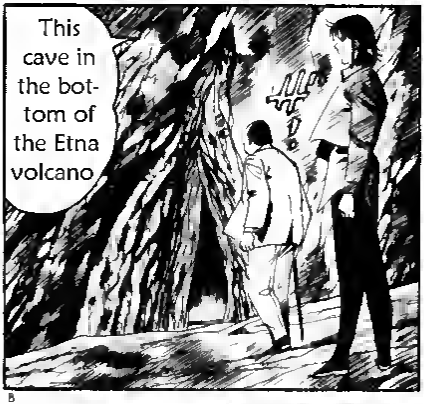
This cave in the bottom of the Etna volcano

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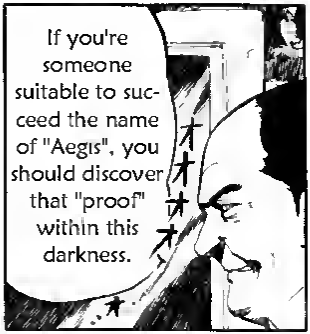
The interior complicates into the shape of an ant's nest and there's no one who knows that whole picture...
Is a catacomb the early Christians used to escape from Roman persecution and seclude themselves.


If you're someone suitable to succeed the name of "Aegis", you should discover that "proof" within this darkness.
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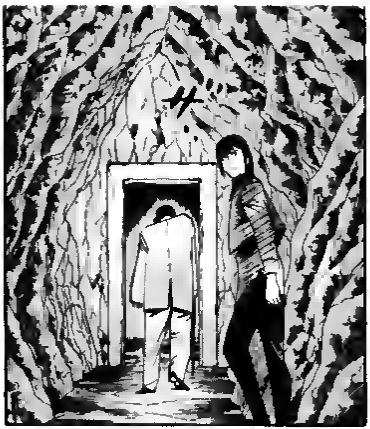

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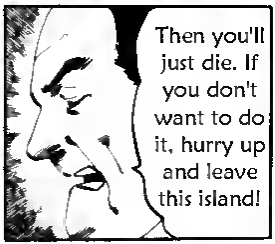
Then you'll just die. If you don't want to do it, hurry up and leave this island!

And, in the event that I can't find it...?

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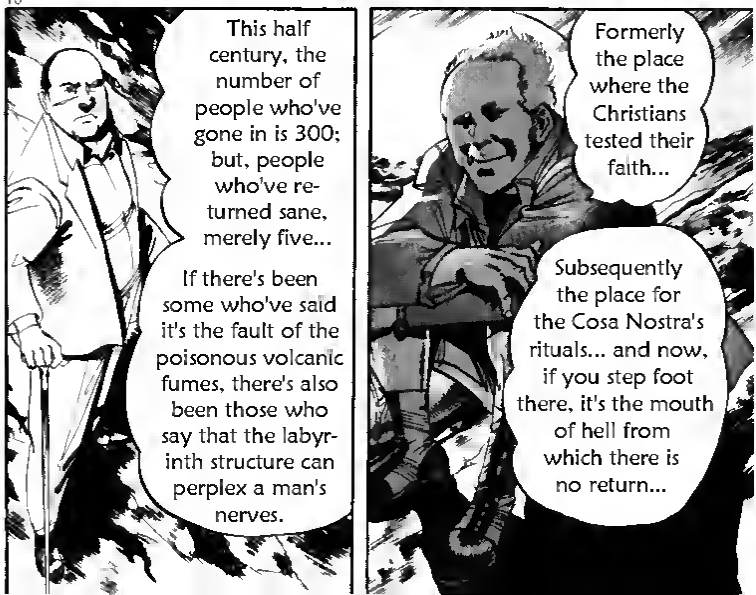
That's the bad thing about will-power. That there's likely a way to force you to give up, too.
You ...!
Of all things, that's what the "catacomb of Tarta-rus" is.


This half century, the number of people who've gone in is 300; but, people who've re-turned sane, merely five...
If there's been some who've said it's the fault of the poisonous volcanic fumes, there's also been those who say that the labyr-inth structure can perplex a man's nerves.
Formerly the place where the Christians tested their faith...
Subsequently the place for the Cosa Nostra's rituals... and now, if you step foot there, it's the mouth of hell from which there is no return...

Kashihara... what business does "Old Geese", the mediator of the black market, have on this island?
Was it you who filled that youngster with absurd things in Rome and Napoli?
My old friend ...
Even though the proud man known as "Aegis" is rotting away just like a corpse, I can't stand it...
This catacomb isn't an object that can be measured by a person's wisdom like you said.
This is a genuine entrance into Hades ...
Only those who have looked inside and returned understand.

Who's there?!
This —

I remember. In Sicily, due to the arid climate, the dead were mummified against decomposition, and...
up until very recently, mummification was a very common method of burying the deceased.
A country of the dead... huh...
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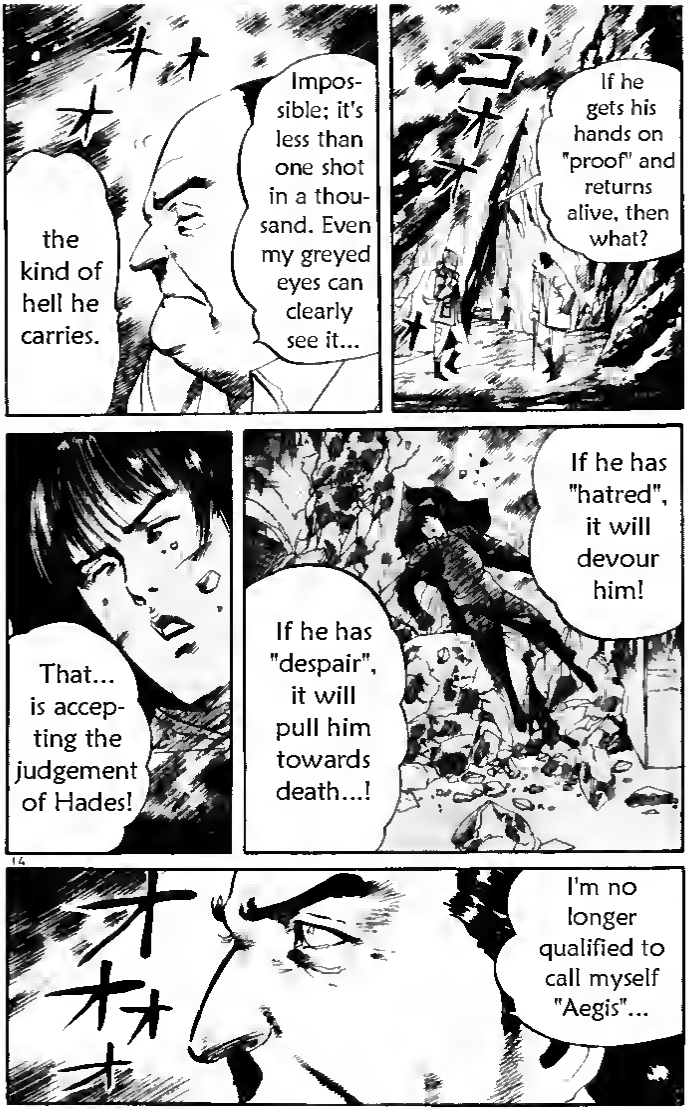
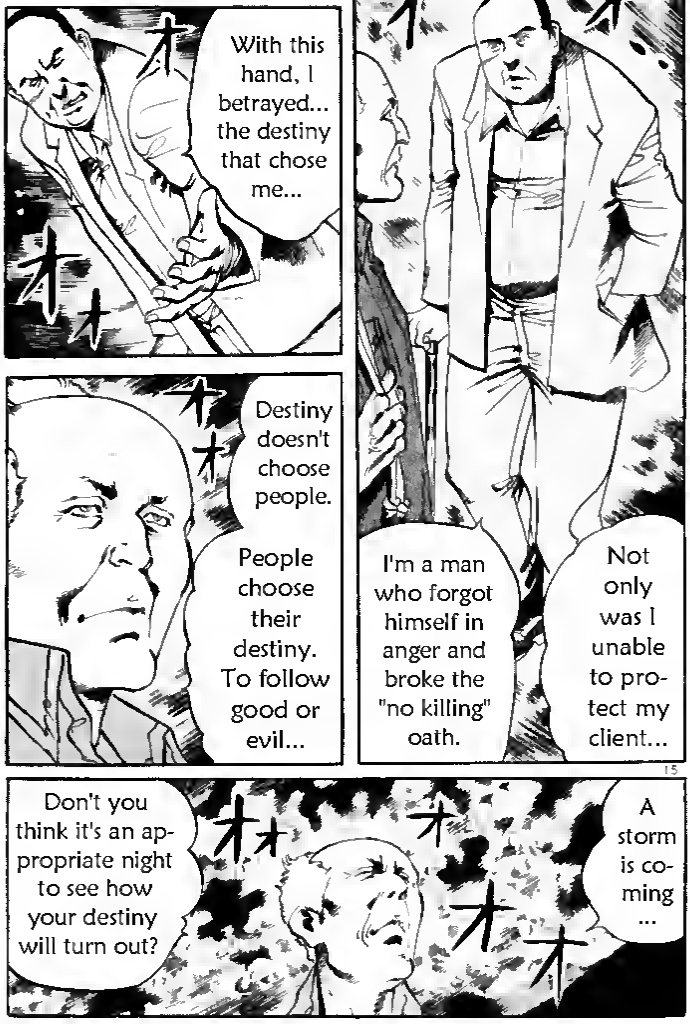

Impossible; it's less than one shot in a thousand. Even my greyed eyes can clearly see it...
the kind of hell he carries.
If he gets his hands on "proof" and returns alive, then what?
If he has "hatred", it will devour him!
If he has "despair", it will pull him towards death...!
That... is accepting the judgement of Hades!
I'm no longer qualified to call myself "Aegis"...


With this hand, I betrayed... the destiny that chose me...
Not only was I unable to protect my client...
I'm a man who forgot himself in anger and broke the "no killing" oath.
Destiny doesn't choose people.
People choose their destiny. To follow good or evil...
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A storm is coming ...
Don't you think it's an appropriate night to see how your destiny will turn out?

綾合病院
Do you hate me, Tate?
Do you want to kill me, Tate?
It's natural... Community Safety used your family as a lure.
This is the result of that. You lost a wife and a son, and I lost a little sister and a nephew...

Shoot!
Tate
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Kai
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Will I... die... here ...?
Is some-one... there...?
hit me hard...
The scent of sulfur... my head is poun-ding...
Did I break some ribs...!
Heh heh heh heh heh...

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My words are a matter of pride.
I know that your powers of retention are as wet as a warthog's back side.
But THICK as you are, pay attention.
It's clear from your vacant expressions
the lights are not all on upstairs.
But we are talking
KINGS and SUCCESSIONS. Even YOU can't be caught unawares!